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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT
OF INSURANCE

STATE OF NEBRASKA	)	
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	)	
PETITIONER,	) CONSENT ORDE	R
VS.	)	
CONSECO HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY,	) CAUSE NO. C-156 )	66
RESPONDENT.	)	

In order to resolve this matter, the Nebraska Department of Insurance ("Department"), by and through its representative, Martin W. Swanson and Conseco Health Insurance Company, ("Respondent"), mutually stipulate and agree as follows:

# JURISDICTION

- 1. The Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-101.01, §44-303 and §44-4047, et seq.
- 2. Respondent is licensed as a health insurer under the laws of Nebraska at all times material hereto.

# STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. The Department initiated this administrative proceeding by filing a petition styled State of Nebraska Department of Insurance vs. Conseco Health Insurance Company, Cause Number C-1566 on April 6, 2006. A copy of the petition was served upon the Respondent, at the Respondent's address registered with the Department by certified mail, return receipt requested.

- 2. The petition alleges that Respondent violated Neb. Rev. Stat. §§44-1524, 44-1525(11), 44-1539 and Title 210 NAC Ch. 61 §006.02, as a result of the following conduct:
  - a. Pursuant to an investigation regarding a claim by a complainant, Barbara Ems, an insurance investigator with the Nebraska Department of Insurance, wrote Respondent a letter on February 21, 2006 asking a series of questions. In the letter, Ems requested that Respondent respond by March 18, 2006.
  - b. Respondent requested, on March 16, 2006, an extension of time to answer. The extension was granted until March 30, 2006. Ems made it clear that no further extensions would be granted due to Respondent, on several previous occasions, requesting numerous extensions and, at times, failing to respond after the requested extension date had passed.
  - c. Respondent contacted Ems on March 30, 2006, to request yet another extension. It was not granted.
  - d. Respondent failed to respond to the February 21, 2006 letter, sent by the Nebraska Department of Insurance.
- 3. Respondent was informed of the right to a public hearing. Respondent waives that right, and enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily. Respondent understands and acknowledges that by waiving its right to a public hearing, Respondent also waives its right to confrontation of witnesses, production of evidence, and judicial review.
- 4. Respondent admits that it violated Neb. Rev. Stat. §§44-1524, 44-1525(11), 44-1539 and Title 210 NAC Ch. 61 §006.02.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The conduct of Respondent, as alleged above, constitutes violations of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§44-1524, 44-1525(11), 44-1539 and Title 210 NAC Ch. 61 §006.02.

# CONSENT ORDER

It is therefore ordered by the Director of Insurance and agreed to by Respondent, that Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) within thirty days after the Director approves this consent order. If Respondent fails to pay the two hundred and fifty dollar fine within the time limits specified, Respondent shall automatically be fined \$15,000 and that fine shall be due immediately upon the request of the Nebraska Department of Insurance. The Nebraska Department of Insurance shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enabling the Department to make application for such further orders as may be necessary.

In witness of their intention to be bound by this Consent Order, each party has executed this

document by subscribing their signatures below.

Martin W. Swanson, #20795

Department of Insurance

941 "O" Street, Suite 400

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(402) 471-2201

16 JUNE 06

Date

Conseco Health Insurance Company

6/15/06

Date

RENEE WAKE
Notary Public, State of Indiana
County of Marion
My Commission Expires Sep. 02, 2008

State of	Indiana	)
County of _	Marion	) ss. )

On this 15th day of 9, 2006, Conseco Health Insurance Company personally appeared before me and read this Consent Order, executed the same and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed.

Notary Public

I hereby certify that the foregoing Consent Order is adopted as the Final Order of the Nebraska Department of Insurance in the matter of State of Nebraska Department of Insurance vs. Conseco Health Insurance Company, Cause No. C-1566.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

L. TIM WAGNER
Director of Insurance

<u> 2019 1010</u> Date

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the executed Consent Order was sent to the Respondent at 11815 N. Pennsylvania Street, P.O. Box 1911, Carmel, IN 46082-1911, by certified mail, return receipt requested on this 20 day of 4006.